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# MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2022

TO: Mayor Jeffrey Caggiano  
Board of Public Works

FROM: Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E., Director of Public Works

RE: **LOTICIP Projects – Downs St Bridge/Wolcott St Reconstruction/Shrub Rd Sidewalks & Divinity St Culvert (east of Peck Lane)**

The Department of Public Works has identified the following projects to be funded through NVCOG LotCip grant funds.

1. Downs Street Bridge (\$4,200,000)
2. Wolcott St Reconstruction (Wolcott St – CT Route 69) to Witches Rock Road/Allentown Rd intersection (\$3,500,000)
3. Shrub Road Sidewalks (Est cost \$900,000 - \$1,100,000)
4. Divinity Street Culvert (\$950,000)

The advantage of LotCip grants is that they provide 100% of construction cost. No City funds are required to construct. City costs are limited to design cost only. One of the criteria of NVCOG LotCip grant funding is that each community is limited to funding/proceeding with only two projects at one time, therefore the City is required to prioritize the potential LotCip projects. The design of Downs Street Bridge is 70% complete and is scheduled for construction in 2023. The design of the Divinity Street culvert is progressing, however cannot proceed to construction until the CT DOT's West End project is complete, since Divinity Street will be used as a detour during the DOT's West End project. Based on the DOT's project schedule the Divinity Street culvert is not scheduled for construction until 2025.

The project to reconstruct Wolcott St is scheduled for construction in 2023, however four property permanent easements are required to proceed with construction. The preliminary design to install sidewalks along Shrub Road is currently being completed and a public information meeting is anticipated the beginning of July 14, 2022. Funding to construct the Shrub Street sidewalks is not in place and based the availability of NVCOG administered LotCip grants funding is not anticipated until 2025. Construction schedules for LotCip projects are also dependent on the availability of funds distributed to NVCOG by DOT and project costs within the region including cost overruns.

In addition, the use of LotCip funds to construct Shrub Street sidewalks may increase project easement requirements due to DOT procedures. Potential options to expedite Shrub Road sidewalk construction consist of the following:

1. Requesting BOF funding through the Department's FY2023-24 CIP budget that is approved will be in place July 1, 2023 and allow for the start of construction in 2023.
2. Request use of City ARPA funds (Shrub Road \$900,000 - \$1,100,000).
3. Prioritize Shrub Road LotCip funding over Wolcott St reconstruction funding, delaying the reconstruction of Wolcott St.

Please feel free to contact me at 860-584-6113 regarding any questions or concerns.